

be developed. And by the rail road communication now forming between Williamsport, on the west Branch canal, and Elmira or New Town, situated on the New York and Erie rail road, an avenue will be opened to the fertile regions of the Genesee, and a connexion will be formed with both the Erie canal and the New York and Erie rail road, at points from both of which the distances to the city of New York will much exceed those to Baltimore.

It is to the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road that we look to secure to the city of Baltimore a participation in the immense trade of which we have spoken. The great line of communication from Pittsburg to the Atlantic cities, is by canals, and the Portage rail road to Columbia, and hence by the Columbia rail road, a distance of eighty-one and three quarter miles to Philadelphia. From Columbia to Baltimore the distance by the rail roads now constructing, will not exceed seventy miles. We will, therefore, have the same mode of access to the Pennsylvania canals, which is enjoined by Philadelphia, with the difference of distance in our favor—and on the other hand will be given to the agriculturist and manufacturer of Pennsylvania the reciprocal advantage of being enabled, after transporting his commodities to Columbia, there to enjoy the benefit of a choice of markets between the two rival cities, each striving to offer such inducements as may attract his custom. The distance from Pittsburg to Baltimore by this route will not exceed 262 miles; and if it be the interest of the citizens of Pennsylvania to open the cheapest and shortest routes to the markets for their produce, the construction of a rail road from York to Harrisburg will probably effect a further reduction in that distance of at least ten miles.

The distance from Lake Erie to Elmira by the New York and Erie rail road will be 205 miles, and thence to New York 303 miles; whilst that from Elmira to Baltimore, by the rail road to Williamsport, and thence by the Pennsylvania canals, will be but 245, a difference in favor of Baltimore of 58 miles. From Elmira by the Chemung canal, the Seneca lake and Seneca canal, the distance to Montezuma, on the Erie canal, is 84 miles, making the whole distance from Baltimore to Montezuma 329 miles,